



# Chew Valley School

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## Free School Meals

You may be entitled to free school meals if you are getting Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers' Allowance, the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit or support under the Immigration and Asylum Act. You may also be entitled if you are getting Child Tax Credit only (and are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and the award is based on a gross annual income of less than £16,190. To claim FSMs please apply through our local authority BANES (even if you do not live in BANES) using this link <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

- If your child is receiving free school meals in Year 6 at a BANES Local Authority School (and this was approved prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025) this information should be passed onto Chew Valley School by BANES. **However if you live outside of our Local Authority or if your entitlement was approved after 1st April 2025 regardless of which Local Authority you live in you will need to reapply through BANES [Apply for free school meals | Bath and North East Somerset Council](#) to confirm continued eligibility.**
- Year 7 students who are in receipt of free school meals/pupil premium will be offered a 15 minute music tuition lesson every week for the whole of Year 7. For Years 8 -10 students may be able to have financial support by the school, this will be decided on an individual basis. Please contact [rgordon@chewvalleyschool.co.uk](mailto:rgordon@chewvalleyschool.co.uk) or [pstinchcombe@chewvalleyschool.co.uk](mailto:pstinchcombe@chewvalleyschool.co.uk) if you require further information.
- If you have any further questions please contact [transitions@chewvalleyschool.co.uk](mailto:transitions@chewvalleyschool.co.uk).

Should you wish to check if you may be eligible for one of the benefits that would qualify you for FSMs please contact your local Citizens Advice Bureau or other advice agency.

Claiming free school meals not only benefits families but the school as well, as we receive substantial additional funding through the Pupil Premium scheme for every student who is in receipt of free school meals. This funding continues throughout that student's school career even if they are no longer eligible to receive free school meals.